

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- October 26: Fire Fighters Chili Cook-off
- November 2-4: All Souls weekend
- November 6: Election Day
- November 12: Veteran's Day
- November 17: Family Festival in the Park

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PAUL'S NOTE

Two major issues came up before Mayor and Council on Tuesday.

The one that you have probably read the most about is the possible closing of the Fred Enke Golf Course. I'd like to see it stay open.

The City of Tucson manages five golf courses. Those five plus the county-owned and privately managed course Crooked Tree make for six public courses in the Tucson area. Only one is east of Alvernon: Fred Enke. Having this sort of recreational opportunity available for East-siders close to home is important.

It also is the only "desert course" available in the local public system.

Golf has taken some knocks for being an elite sport. Many people have the image of wealthy people making deals at a country club. That isn't what I see at Fred Enke, where I golf frequently. These public courses are the only opportunity for many of us to play the game and do so affordably.

Our public courses are also used by our high school golf teams. As a matter of fact, the Santa Rita High School Women's golf team uses Fred Enke. They don't conform to the stereotypes many have of a typical golfer, and they are learning values, and yes a game, that will stay with them the rest of their lives.

Still, I voted with the rest of the council to

close Fred Enke. It was a painful vote for me, especially after hearing the words of Chuck Ford, the former councilman for the area, testify about what he did to make sure the place got built. However, I did amend the motion to keep the course open if it generated an income by the end of the fiscal year.

This is where I need help from all of you. I pledge to play at Fred Enke once a week. Any of you are welcome to join me by calling my office. If you are involved in any organization that schedules golf events, why not give Enke a chance over the next few months?

We also discussed the new joint city-county courthouse that is under construction downtown.

Those of you that have visited the current city courthouse already know the problems with it: the building is a converted parking garage with inadequate spaces for courtrooms and offices. It is, frankly, embarrassing.

That's why back in 2004, the city agreed to go in with the county to sell bonds to build a new courthouse. That's the big project that's over there on Toole and Stone.

The project encountered an unexpected problem:



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it turned out to be the site of several cemeteries, some dating back to the Spanish period. Removing the bodies and re-interning them meant more money spent by both the city and the county.

These additional costs have led some to ask whether the city should continue to spend money on the project. The courthouse will still be built and the county will use it, the question is how much should the city be involved with it.

We've already spent \$12 million on the project, and I'd like to see us move ahead with it. However, that shouldn't stop the city from keeping other options open, like leasing court space downtown.

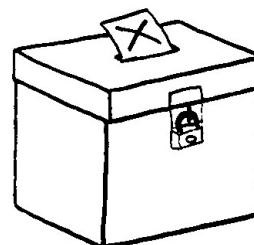
An issue that's a bit quieter is what's called PCWIN, a consolidated communications system between police, fire and other emergency management agencies in our region. It isn't just about making sure that radios can

talk to each other, but ensuring that there is enough bandwidth that there can still be communication even in a major incident. The system is expected to go live next December and connect 29 local emergency response agencies.

ELECTIONS INFORMATION

This year's ballot features a dizzying array of propositions. The League of Women Voters has, like they have every year, published a guide to help you figure out how to vote on them. The guide is available at the Ward 2 council office, as well [as available as a download from their website.](#)

The Citizens' Clean Elections Commission publishes statements by all of the candidates for state office. These were mailed to voters, but if you missed it, [the guide is available online.](#)



FAMILY FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

It's time for the 7th Annual Family Festival in the Park. This free festival will be held at Reid Park at 22nd and Country Club on November 17 between 10 am and 2 pm. There will be free admission to Reid Park Zoo, free rides on the Zoo Express train, 10 minute golf lessons on the driving range, swimming, entertainment, demonstrations, displays, games, arts and crafts and face painting.

The event is sponsored by Tucson Parks and Recreation, Tucson Life-

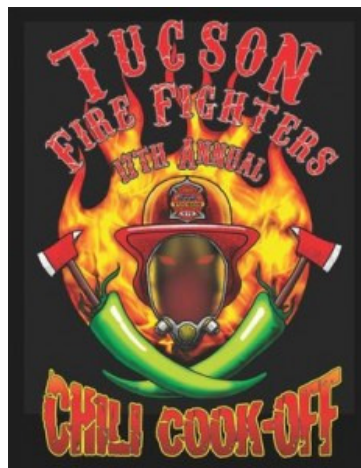
style Magazine, Wendy's, Carondelet, Bear Essential News and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

Even though the event is free, please show your support for the Community Food Bank by bringing a can of food.



TUCSON FIRE FIGHTERS CHILI COOK-OFF

The Tucson Fire Fighters are holding their 17th Annual Chili Cook-Off at El Presidio Park, 160 W Alameda, on October 26. The event runs from 10 am – 10 pm. The event will feature firefighters from all over Pima County fighting for bragging rights over who has the best chili. If chili is not your thing, there will also be hot dogs and quesadillas available.



KNOW WHERE TO THROW



There is still time left to bring in your old garden hoses, bicycle tires and inner tubes, blue jeans and plastic grocery bags to the Ward 2 office. You can also bring them in to any other ward office or check KnowWhereToThrow.com for other collection locations. The collection will continue until November 3.

If you want to see how much we've collected in Tucson, you can check KnowWhereToThrow.com on No-

vember 15 which is America Recycles Day.

Know Where To Throw is a project of City of Tucson Environmental Services and Tucson Clean and Beautiful, Inc.

ADULT CARE HOMES

Our office has been working with residents, particularly those in the San Carlos Neighborhood, who are concerned about the proliferation of adult care homes in their area. We all want these services to be available to people, and many of us welcome such facilities in our neighborhoods. Our office is, however, concerned about the number of homes being concentrated in certain areas and that the homes follow state and local regulations. If you are concerned about these homes in your area, feel free to contact our office, 791-4687.

INDIAN CULTURE FAIR

Saguaro National Park and Western National Parks Association are hosting the 11th Annual American Indian Culture Fair on Saturday, October 27 in the Tucson Mountain District (west). Festivities include traditional craft demonstrations, Navajo rug talks, flute workshops, live music, food, and activities for kids.

Artisans include Tohono O'odham basket weavers and wood carvers, Navajo jewelry makers, flute carvers, Hopi Katsina carvers, Zuni carvers, Acoma silversmiths and Jemez sculptors.

Southern Scratch will be performing traditional Waila music. Hubbell Trading Post is also hosting a Navajo rug show and talk. The festival will be open from 9 am to 4pm at the Red Hills Visitor Center located at 2700 N. Kinney Road, approximately two miles northwest of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. Everyone is welcome and the event is free of charge.

Come out and spend the day enjoying local traditional culture in your Saguaro National Park

UDALL PARK

Senior Program:

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a field trip to Sabino Canyon on October 25. Center departure is at 8:30 am and return is at 2 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person and includes the Tram Ride. Space is limited. Call 791-4121 to sign up.

Udall staff will offer van transportation for seniors that attend the Halloween Party hosted at Freedom Center. The event is October 31 from 1:30 pm—3:30 pm, and will include a D.J., costume contest, door prizes and refreshments. Van space is limited and will depart from Udall Center at 1 pm To sign up, call 791-4121

Carol West Senior Center:

The center will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau. Thursday, Nov 15, 4:00 pm—6:00 pm

The event will feature Ernie Menehune, Halau Hula O Valani & the Menehune Dancers, door prizes and catered dinner. Space is limited, sign up at the front desk. Cost is \$5.

The center will also have a Wii Bowling Tournament on November 26 at 11:45 am. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at the front desk. Cost is \$2.

Overseeding Projects:

The Udall Park soccer fields and Baseball field #1 and Softball #8 in Ft. Lowell were overseeded this month. The Udall

fields will be down through November 26 and the Ft. Lowell fields will be down as well and through October 29. We ask park patrons to help by staying off the fields during this time. Keeping any activity off the fields will help with the overall turf improvement.

ZOMBIES IN THE DESERT

The Clements Center, 8155 E Poinciana (just east of Pantano) will host the "Zombies in the Desert" event on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 4 pm to 7 pm The event will include costume contest, haunted house, carnival games, haunted train ride, face painting haunted story hay ride, jumping castles, food vendors, music and entertainment. The cost is \$3.00 per person. The event is for all ages and children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact 791-5787.



ALL SOULS WEEKEND

Remember that the All Souls Procession is coming up. The Procession is a tradition in this region of the country and a chance for all of us to commemorate those we lost and celebrate their lives. Tucson's Procession is known as one of the larger such celebrations in the country. There are activities from November 2 until the Procession Downtown on November 4. For more information, visit [the All Souls Procession website](#).

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

There are no more Mayor and Council meetings this month. The next meeting would normally fall on November 6, but will be moved to November 7 to accommodate for election day. Council business starts at 5:30 pm. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda. The agendas for the meetings [are posted online](#).



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Please bring these items to the Ward
2 Office for the following charities:

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable Items

DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers

SAAF—Personal Hygiene Products and Personal Care Products

TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals and Families in Need

ICU—Eye Glasses

DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment